

LOCKED IN THE DARK SCHOOL, SHE JUST SLEPT

Night Searchers Found 5-Year-Old Millia Waiting for Her Mother.

BIG STRAW HAT A PILLOW

Her Recovery Followed by a Feast and a Spoonful of Something.

If you were to take a birthday, Christmas and the feast day of Saint Peter and roll them all into one you couldn't beat the time that little Millia Castellano had yesterday. Such settings by everybody, such presents from aunts and cousins and uncles, such pats on the back and speeches about heroism and obedience and bravery and all such things.

Well, no wonder that Millia caved in long about five o'clock and went to bed after a prudent relative had suggested that really after all the trick she had been eating during the day it would be just as well to give her about a spoonful of small spoonful of cast well, Millia took it, and it was the only unpleasant incident of a perfect day.

All this because Millia, five years old, got locked in the school room of St. Patrick's Academy, Willoughby and Clason avenues, Brooklyn, Friday afternoon, and instead of screaming and hurting herself by climbing around, or going into hysterics from fear, she calmly laid herself down on the straw and went to sleep. That, coupled with the fact that she was locked up because she would not leave until some one came for her, and thus might run all sorts of risks going through the streets to 171 Franklin avenue, where she lives, made her heroine.

Millia lives with her mother, Teresa, and other relatives. Two weeks ago her mother sent her to the kindergarten department of the academy, which is attached to the convent of Mercy. Several things were impressed upon the young woman when she started out, first, that on no account was she to leave school any day until her cousin, Josephine Fichette, who is fourteen and a big girl, came for her, and another thing was that good little girls never get hurt.

Everything went all right until Friday afternoon and it would have gone all right then only Josephine forgot—and it was this way. School lets out for all the girls at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, but yesterday there was a meeting of Josephine's society or sodality, or something which began promptly at 2 o'clock and continued for an hour.

In the meantime Millia was waiting in her classroom and the sisters saw her there when they went away, sitting patiently under one of those big, broad brimmed straw hats all trimmed up. They said nothing about it because they knew the custom. When closing up time for that part of the school came Junior Kenny, who may have had other things on his mind, locked the doors, for he didn't know about Millia.

It was after 4 o'clock before Josephine's meeting adjourned. The session had been so interesting that she walked right down the stairs and out into the street without ever giving a thought to her little cousin. She said yesterday that if she did think of it it was to tell herself that somebody else must surely have taken Millia home; they wouldn't have locked the doors if she were there. Anyway Josephine went home and got her supper.

Mrs. Castellano began to worry about 4 o'clock, although she knew she must allow some time for a five-year-old girl on her way home from school. But when it grew dark she started out. She called on her brother, Anthony Dunto, in Kent avenue, one of two cousins and some neighbors, and they started out. They went straight to the academy and told Kenny, the janitor, about it. Kenny said he'd see, and pretty soon he came back saying that the child was not in the building. He had stuck his head in the place, looked around and called out for her. He was willing to bet that any child in the building could hear him when he called.

So all this meant the police, kidnapping, abduction, a lost child or any other tragedy. At the Clason avenue police station Mrs. Castellano said at once that she did not believe it meant kidnapping, for she did not know of any one who would do it. She stood all right with the black hat, so far as she knew, she had never received any threatening letters and there were no family enemies to speak of. Lieut. Miller put Lieut. James Donlon on the case at once and the rumor of another child story began to spread.

Donlon frankly admits that he did not cover the school end of the case very well at first because he took Kenny's word for that part of it. He made out a list of friends and relatives, school chums and neighbors and started out to visit all of them.

It was a good four hours leg work to do this, but at midnight or a little after Donlon had to say that nobody whose name had been given to him had seen Millia. She hadn't been seen going home by any of the scholars, and that by elimination put her in the building.

"I guess we'd better go through that school again," said Donlon and then a party, which was good sized by this time, went on back to Clason and Willoughby avenues, got Kenny out of bed long enough to get his keys, gathered some candles and started to go through that big building. Kenny went along sceptical. When they opened the front door he started to prove to them right away the child was not in the place.

"Millia Castellano, oh Millia!" he shouted in a voice that echoed from the basement to the belfry. "Millia!" again he called until Donlon stopped him.

"Nix on that," he said, "you'd scare her to death; she'd think it was an earthquake—open up the doors and we'll look."

The party spread out holding the can-

dles high in the air and every foot of the first floor was gone over, under the desks, over the desks, in the closets, under the stairs and everything. No Millia.

"Let's take the upper floors," said Donlon as he started to mount the stairs. He turned with the stairs, and a moment later something like "Well, I'll be—"

Then Donlon's candle appeared around the turning, accompanied by Donlon, who had given on his face and a warning hand in the air.

"Will you come up here for a minute?" he said, and Mrs. Castellano went up three steps at a time. Just around the corner she saw lying on the stairs, with the big hat as a pillow, her daughter fast asleep. So dead was she to the world that not even the excitement immediately created aroused her. She wouldn't have awakened then if she had not been grabbed up and hugged until her breathing was interfered with by a very happy woman. There wasn't a tear on Millia's face and it was apparent that a thumb had been of great assistance to her in making her forget supper. About the first thing she asked was "Where is Josephine?" It was then 2 o'clock in the morning.

The trouble about Miss Millia yesterday was that she was too busy to give out any interesting facts. Her mother said that so far as she could learn the child sat in the class room waiting for Josephine until it began to grow dark. Then she thought she would explore as far as the front door. It was quiet and dark, but she wasn't afraid because she had heard a good girl. After a while she heard what seemed like a thunderstorm or something like that and she went on upstairs. The thunderstorm is believed to have been Kenny's voice. She sat on the stairs and the next thing her mother had her.

IN LUDLOW JAIL SIX MONTHS.

And Released on His Promise to Turn Over All His Assets.

Charles H. Boyer, member of the light-erage firm of L. Boyer & Sons at 90 Water street, was released from Ludlow street jail yesterday after spending six months there under an order by Surrogate Ketcham in Brooklyn. Boyer was released under an order by the Surrogate because of his acts as executor under the will of his mother, Mrs. Amelia S. Sherman, who died in 1900 leaving an estate of \$100,000.

Boyer was trustee of a fund of \$50,000 left for two of Mrs. Sherman's grandchildren, Mrs. Adele Childers and Russell L. Boyer. Mrs. Childers instituted proceedings for an accounting by the trustee on the ground that he had withheld details concerning the trust fund, and the Surrogate was informed that Boyer had lost \$50,000 of the money through gambling.

When Boyer failed to account under the Surrogate's order he was arrested in New York and put in jail here. Boyer could have been kept in prison until he obeyed the order, but he arranged yesterday to turn over all his assets to Michael McElhennick as trustee, and all that was necessary to make up the \$50,000 trust fund will be turned over to the People's Trust Company, the new trustee under Mrs. Sherman's will. Any assets not required for this purpose will be turned back to Boyer.

In asking Surrogate Ketcham to release him on his promise to make the settlement Boyer said he was suffering from melancholia in prison and was afraid he might die there.

ELDERLY HUSBAND'S PLAINT.

Has His 17-Year-Old Bride of Two Months Put on Probation.

Emory E. Williams, a tall, gray haired man apparently more than 60 years old, of 316 Jay street, Brooklyn, appeared yesterday before Chief Magistrate Kemperman in Adams street court as complainant against Mary S. Williams, 17 years old, for wantonness. He said the girl has the habit of fainting and does not obey him and insists on staying out late at night.

"Why don't you order your father," Magistrate Kemperman inquired. "Why that my husband, your Honor," the girl replied, laughing.

Williams then explained that he married the girl two months ago in a Catholic church, that she is the stepmother of one child, three of whom are married and all of whom are older than she is. He then went on to tell how she was setting a bad example to his children by staying out late and spoiling with various strange men.

The girl was put on probation for six months with Miss Anne J. Connolly. She says that her elderly husband has treated her in a very strange manner and that she is supporting herself on the \$3 a week she earns in a paint factory.

SIXTH VOTE TAKEN ON METHODIST BISHOPS

Only One Vacancy Filled So Far by the Conference at Minneapolis.

DOWNNEY TO BE DEFEATED

Ban on Amusements Retained by 446 to 369 After Hot Debate.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18. The first five ballots for the eight new Bishops have only been productive of the election of one, Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, who won on the first ballot. The sixth ballot, taken to-day, will be counted and reported on Monday.

Dr. W. O. Shepard, who it was believed would go out on the fourth ballot, has been making a steady increase, having jumped from 290 on the first ballot to 307 on the fifth. The necessary two-thirds for election was 330.

Dr. N. Luccock stood second on the fifth ballot and Dr. T. S. Henderson third. It is conceded that these two, with Dr. Shepard, will be elected. The election of Dr. Henderson will mean the defeat of Dr. D. G. Downey, first on the second ballot, as Drs. Downey and Henderson are both from New York and no one district can expect the election of two Bishops at one conference.

Dr. F. Mason North, who is fourth and has been making a steady gain as the balloting progressed, is also from New York city, and his friends, realizing that Dr. Henderson deserves to have the bishopric, held a caucus and decided to boom Dr. North for election as corresponding secretary of the board of home missions and church extension. This undoubtedly will develop a keen fight between Dr. Robert Forbes, the present occupant of the office, and Dr. North.

The prohibitive ban on dancing, theatre-going, card playing and such other amusements and the penalty provided for participation in them will remain in the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The conference to-day adopted the majority report recommending the retention of the ban by a vote of 446 to 369.

Dr. Mills offered an amendment which was accepted by Chancellor Day of Syracuse providing that the intent of the minority report should be attained by simply placing an asterisk opposite John Wesley's simple rule on discipline and making it refer back to paragraph 8, which in an advisory way mentions his disapproval of amusement but provides no penalty for participation.

A contest between laymen and ministers broke like a storm and it quickly became evident that the laymen looked on the pastors as the part of the church that is trying to keep the amusement ban. In an effort to place delegates on record a vote was driven through the conference providing for a vote by ayes and noes.

TEACHER KILLS HERSELF.

Driven to Suicide by Year of Anonymous Letters.

LIBERTY, Ind., May 18.—Miss Laura Moss, high school teacher, well known in educational circles in Indiana, shot and killed herself to-day because of anonymous letters she had been receiving for more than a year. It is believed the letters were written by some one connected with the schools, but the authorities have been unable to run down the writer.

Miss Moss complained bitterly to friends and became suspicious of every one. Several days ago she returned home with the intention of resigning next week. Another letter, said to be more insinuating than others, reached her. The letter said she was a failure as a teacher, that her patrons were dissatisfied, that her pupils hated her and the like.

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